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In response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2005, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Applicants also submit herewith: (1) A Petition for a 3-Month Extension of Time; (2) and a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE").

With a three month extension of time, the reply is due on or before February 24, 2006. Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-2648, Reference No. 21402-191 (Cura 491).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.